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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN FEEDGRAIN NEEDS: CCC CREDITS

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1. DURING CALL AT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ON ANOTHER MATTER JANUARY 30 EMBOFF ASKED DAIAN, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHETHER GOR HAD APPROACHED CANADAIS ON FEEDGRAINS, AS SUGGESTED BY ME TO AGRICULTURE MINISTER MICULESCU. DAIAN SAID GOR HAD INDEED SOUNDED OUT CANADA AND HAD RECEIVED BRISK RESPONSE THAT NO FEEDGRAINS CREDITS WERE AVAILABLE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ROMANIA'S NEED REMAINED AS IT WAS, DESPITE FAVORABLE OUTLOOK FOR WINTER WHEAT DOMESTICALLY. EMBOFF NOTED THAT SOME CONFUSION HAD BEEN CAUSED BY REPORTS THAT ROMANIA HAD SHIPPED SOME WHEAT TO OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SPECIFICALLY TO MOZAMBIQUE (SEE LOURENCO MARQUES 0066). DAIAN REPLIED THAT GOR WAS PUZZLED AS TO THE SOURCE OF THESE STORIES, HAVING ALSO HEAD OF THEM, AND THAT THE USG SHOULD KNOW THERE WAS NO BASIS WHATEVER FOR THEM. GOR HAD LEARNED FROM WASHINGTON EMBASSY THAT CONTROLS ON PRIOR APPROVAL FOR GRAINS SHIPMENTS HAD BEEN LOOSENERED, RAISING SOME HOPE THAT RECONSIDERATION OF STAND ON CCC CREDITS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

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2. WE HAVE NOTED USDA ANNOUNCEMENT OF JANUARY 29 CONCERNING
CANCELLATION OF CHINESE WHEAT ORDER AND PROMISING OUTLOOK
FOR WINTER WHEAT. WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE WHAT EFFECT THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE ON ROMANIA'S
CHANCES FOR CCC CREDITS GIVEN CONTINUING ROMANIAN NEEDS.
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